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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: SMITH REPORTEDLY UNDER PRESSURE FROM WHITES

1. ACCORDING TO A FEB. 24 CAPE TIMES REPORT FROM SALISBURY, IAN SMITH IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM WHITE CIVIL SERVANTS AND SECURITY FORCE OFFICERS NOT TO RELINQUISH POWER TO THE NATIONALISTS DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD. THE REPORT STATES THAT "POWERFUL BEHIND-THE-SCENES EFFORTS" WILL BE MADE TO SOFTEN THE BLACK POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. IT ALSO STATES THAT THERE IS OPTIMISM IN THE RHODESIA FRONT THAT SMITH WILL GET HIS WAY AND SAYS THAT SMITH HIMSELF IS "EXTREMELY CONFIDENT OF NOT HAVING TO CONCEDE TOO MUCH."

2. TALKS AMONGLEGAL ADVISERS OF THE FOUR INTERNAL GROUPS ARE REPORTEDLY CONTINUING TODAY (FEB.24) TO DRAW UP A REPORT FOR MONDAYS SESSION OF THE TOP LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS. FOR THE MOMENT EACH OF THE FOUR INTERNAL GROUPS IS SAID TO BE STICKING
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TO ITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED POSITION.

3. THE REPORT ALSO QUOTES ELLIOTT GABELLAH AS EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES WILL BE OVERCOME AND THAT A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED WITHIN A WEEK
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